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THANK YOU

to all the producers who participated in our recent surveys. The results you requested are in this issue.

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Special Note

As of January 2011, State level livestock prices were discontinued. Livestock prices for the United States will be published based on data provided by the USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service.

HAY PRICES WELL ABOVE LAST YEAR

July hay prices remained above last year. Compared to last month, both alfalfa hay and other hay were up. **Alfalfa hay**, up \$17.00 from last month and up \$34.00 from last year, came in at \$123.00 per ton. **Other hay**, at \$115.00 per ton, was up \$18.00 from last month and up \$35.00 from last year.

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UNITED STATES: The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in July, at 181 percent, based on 1990-1992=100, increased 2 points (1.1 percent) from June. The Crop Index is down 1 point (0.5 percent) but the Livestock Index increased 3 points (2.0 percent). Producers received higher prices for cattle, milk, cantaloupes, and corn and lower prices for broilers, wheat, broccoli, and carrots. In addition to prices, the overall index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities producers sell. Increased monthly marketings of wheat, grain sorghum, hay, and tomatoes offset decreased marketings of milk, potatoes, cantaloupes, and strawberries.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 43 points (31 percent) from July 2010. The Food Commodities Index, at 172, increased 2 points (1.2 percent) from last month and 34 points (25 percent) from July 2010.

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS AND RANCHERS - WY AND U.S.: JULY 2011 WITH COMPARISONS U.S. PRICES AS PERCENT OF PARITY								
COMMODITY	UNIT	WYOMING			UNITED STATES 3/			
		JUL 2010	JUN 2011	JUL 15 2011	JUL 2010	JUN 2011	JUL 15 2011	% OF PARITY
		Dollars			Dollars			Percent
LIVESTOCK AND PRODUCTS								
Cows	100#	59.80	1/	1/	59.10	75.90	74.40	—
Steers & Heifers	100#	107.00	1/	1/	96.00	110.00	115.00	—
Calves	100#	128.00	1/	1/	122.00	133.00	142.00	37
Sheep	100#	49.50	1/	1/	43.80	50.80	1/	—
Lambs	100#	124.00	1/	1/	122.00	189.00	1/	—
CROPS								
Corn	Bu.	2/	2/	1/	3.49	6.38	6.46	62
Oats	Bu.	2/	2/	1/	2.11	3.41	3.60	53
Feed Barley	Bu.	2/	2/	2/	2.40	4.75	5.11	—
Winter Wheat	Bu.	2/	2/	1/	4.47	7.13	6.98	—
Dry Beans	100#	2/	2/	1/	25.80	34.00	35.10	44
Alfalfa Hay (Baled)	Ton	89.00	106.00	123.00	117.00	180.00	189.00	—
Other Hay (Baled)	Ton	80.00	97.00	115.00	97.30	113.00	119.00	—

1/ Price discontinued. 2/ Price withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. 3/ Price data source for livestock is United States Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Marketing Service. **NOTE:** Entire month price is a revision of previous mid-month price expect for hay which is always a mid-month price.

PRICES RECEIVED INDEXES - UNITED STATES: JULY 2011 WITH COMPARISONS			
1990-92 = 100 BASIS	UNITED STATES		
	JUL 2010	JUN 2011	JUL 15 2011
All Commodities	138	179	181
All Crops	147	208	207
All Livestock and Products	132	153	156

WYOMING DRY BEAN PRODUCTION UP 14 PERCENT FROM 2010

Average yields per acre in Wyoming are expected to be higher than last year for barley and dry beans according to Nancy Hussey with the Wyoming Field Office of USDA NASS. Due to the higher yield the total production is expected to be larger for barley. Due to a decrease in harvested dry bean acreage the overall production for dry beans is down from last year. Total production for sugarbeets, alfalfa hay and all other hay is down from last year.

Barley production in Wyoming is forecast at 6.94 million bushels, up 14 percent from last year's crop. The expected area for harvest, at 68,000 acres, is up 6,000 acres from 2010. The expected yield of 102 bushels per acre is unchanged from the July 1 forecast and up 4 bushels from 2010.

Alfalfa hay production is forecast to reach 1.48 million tons in 2011, down 8 percent from last year's crop. Yields are expected to average 2.6 tons per acre, unchanged from last year. Acreage for harvest is expected to total 570,000 acres, down 50,000 acres from last year. Production of **all other hay** is at 850,000 tons, down 5,000 tons from last year. Acreage expected to be cut is at 500,000, down 70,000 acres from 2010. Average yield, at 1.7 tons per acre, is up 0.2 tons per acre from last year.

The August 1 forecast for **sugarbeet** production in Wyoming, at 806,000 tons, down 2 percent from last year's crop. Harvested acreage is expected to total 31,000 acres, 600 above last year. Yield per acre is forecast at 26.0 tons per acre, down 1 ton from 2010.

Dry bean production in 2011 is forecast at 792,000 hundredweight, down 23 percent from last year's crop. Acreage for harvest is expected to total 33,000 acres, down 14,000 acres from last year. Yield is expected to average 2,400 pounds per acre, 220 pounds per acre more than in 2010. Of the 35,000 acres of dry beans planted, 28,000 acres are pinto beans.

UNITED STATES: Winter wheat production is forecast at 1.50 billion bushels, up slightly from last month and up 1 percent from 2010. The United States yield is forecast at 46.3 bushels per acre, up 0.1 bushel from last month but down 0.5 bushel from last year. The area expected to be harvested for grain totals 32.3 million acres, unchanged from last month but up 2 percent from last year.

Barley production for 2011 is forecast at 168 million bushels, down 3 percent from the July forecast and 7 percent from 2010. Based on conditions as of August 1, the average yield for the United States is forecast at 70.4 bushels per acre, up 0.8 bushel from July but 2.7 bushels below last year's record high. Area harvested for grain or seed, at 2.39 million acres, is down 4 percent from the previous forecast and down 3 percent from 2010. If realized, this will be the smallest harvested area since 1881.

Corn production is forecast at 12.9 billion bushels, up 4 percent from 2010. If realized, this will be the third largest production total on record for the United States. Based on conditions as of August 1, yields are expected to average 153.0 bushels per acre, up 0.2 bushel from 2010, and the fourth highest yield on record. Acreage planted for all purposes is estimated at 92.3 million acres, unchanged from the June estimate. Area harvested for grain is forecast at 84.4 million acres, down less than 1 percent from June but up 4 percent from 2010.

U.S. **dry edible bean** production is forecast at 20.5 million cwt for 2011, down 36 percent from last year. Planted area is forecast at 1.27 million acres, down 34 percent from the previous year. Harvested area is forecast at 1.19 million acres, down 35 percent from the previous year's harvested acreage. The average United States yield is forecast at 1,718 pounds per acre, a decrease of 8 pounds from 2010.

Alfalfa and alfalfa mixture production is forecast at 65.0 million tons, down 4 percent from last year. Based on August 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 3.36 tons per acre, down 0.04 ton from last year. If realized, this will be the second highest yield since 2005. Harvested area is forecast at 19.3 million acres, unchanged from the June forecast but down 3 percent from the previous year's acreage.

Production of **sugarbeets** for the 2011 crop year is forecast at 30.4 million tons, down 5 percent from last year. Planted area is estimated at 1.25 million acres, up 1 percent from the June Acreage report and up 7 percent from last year. Producers expect to harvest 1.22 million acres, up 2 percent from the previous estimate and up 5 percent from 2010. Expected yield is forecast at 25.0 tons per acre, a decrease of 2.6 tons from last year.

ACREAGE, YIELD, AND PRODUCTION FINAL 2010 AND AUGUST 1, 2011 FORECAST

Crop	Planted		Harvested		Yield per Harvested Acre		Production		
	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	Aug 2011	2010	Aug 2011	11/10
	1,000 Acres		1,000 Acres				1,000		Percent
WYOMING									
Barley (bu)	75	80	62	68	98.0	102.0	6,076	6,936	114
Sugarbeets (tons)	30.5	31.5	30.4	31.0	27.0	26.0	821	806	98
Dry Beans (cwt)	49.0	35.0	47.0	33.0	21.8	24.0	1,024	792	77
Alfalfa Hay (tons)	—		620	570	2.60	2.60	1,612	1,482	92
Other Hay (tons)	—		570	500	1.50	1.70	855	850	99
All Hay (tons)	—		1,190	1,070	2.07	2.18	2,467	2,332	95
UNITED STATES									
Corn-Grain (bu) 1/	88,192	92,282	81,446	84,388	152.8	153.0	12,446,865	12,914,085	104
Winter Wheat (bu)	37,335	41,108	31,749	32,307	46.8	46.3	1,485,236	1,497,429	101
Spring Wheat (bu) 2/	13,698	13,627	13,359	12,270	46.1	42.5	615,975	521,975	85
Oats (bu)	3,138	2,587	1,263	934	64.3	61.6	81,190	57,489	71
Barley (bu)	2,872	2,815	2,465	2,390	73.1	70.4	180,268	168,218	93
Sugarbeets (tons)	1,171.4	1,237.5	1,155.7	1,216.6	27.6	25.0	31,901	30,393	95
Dry Beans (cwt)	1,911.4	1,265.2	1,842.7	1,190.2	17.3	17.2	31,801	20,451	64
Alfalfa Hay (tons)	—		19,956.0	19,329.0	3.40	3.36	67,903	64,996	96
Other Hay (tons)	—		39,906.0	38,276.0	1.95	1.75	77,653	67,002	86
All Hay (tons)	—		59,862.0	57,605.0	2.43	2.29	145,556	131,998	91

1/Corn planted for all purposes, harvested for grain.

2/Excluding Durum.

U.S. CATTLE ON FEED UP 8 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.6 million head on August 1, 2011. The inventory was 8 percent above August 1, 2010. This is the third highest August 1 inventory since the series began in 1996.

Placements in feedlots during July totaled 2.15 million, 22 percent above 2010. This is the highest placement total for the month of July since the series began in 1996. Net placements were 2.09 million head. During July, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 625,000, 600-699 pounds were 405,000, 700-799 pounds were 498,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 625,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during July totaled 1.91 million, slightly above 2010. This is the second lowest fed cattle marketings for the month of July since the series began in 1996.

Other disappearance totaled 67,000 during July, 40 percent above 2010.

CATTLE ON FEED: 1000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS, SELECTED STATES AND UNITED STATES, AUG 2010-2011 1/

State	On Feed July 1, 2011	Place- ments July 2011	Market- ings July 2011	Other Disapp. July 2011	On Feed Aug 1, 2011	On Feed Aug 1, 2010
Thousand Head						
CO	1,000	170	195	5	970	890
KS	2,030	580	420	10	2,180	2,040
NE	2,020	390	415	15	1,980	1,960
TX	2,700	640	465	15	2,860	2,520
Oth Sts.	2,698	373	413	22	2,463	2,470
U.S.	10,448	2,153	1,908	67	10,626	9,880

1/ Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

JULY 1 U.S. CATTLE INVENTORY DOWN SLIGHTLY

All **cattle and calves** in the **United States** as of July 1, 2011, totaled 100.0 million head, 1 percent below the 101.1 million on July 1, 2010, according to Heather DePra with the Wyoming Field Office of USDA's National Ag Statistics Service. Estimates for Wyoming are not made in July, but as previously reported on January 1, 2010 the inventory of all cattle and calves in Wyoming totaled 1.30 million head, down 1.5 percent from the previous year.

For the U.S., all **cows and heifers that have calved**, at 40.6 million, were down 1 percent from July 1, 2010 but up slightly from the January 1, 2011 estimate. **Beef cows**, at 31.4 million, were down from last July, 1 percent, but up from the January 1, 2010 estimate of 30.9 million. **Milk cows**, at 9.2 million, were up 1 percent compared to July 1, 2010 and also up slightly from this year's January 1 estimate.

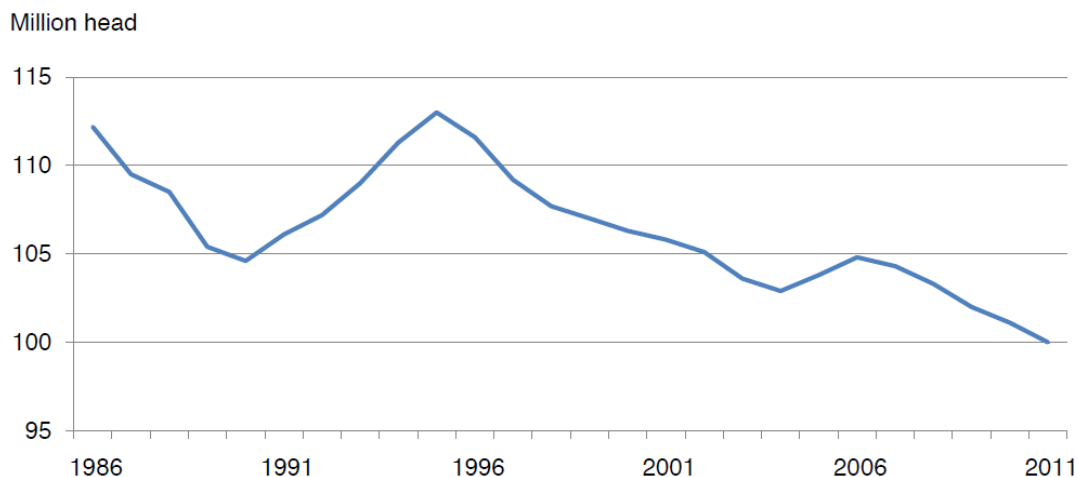
Other U.S. class estimates on July 1, 2011, and the changes from July 1, 2010, are as follows:

- * **All heifers** 500 pounds and over, 16.0 million, down 1 percent
- * **Beef replacement heifers**, 4.2 million, down 5 percent
- * **Milk replacement heifers**, 4.2 million, up 4 percent
- * **Other heifers**, 7.6 million, down 2 percent
- * **Steers** weighing 500 pounds and over, 14.2 million, down 1 percent
- * **Bulls** weighing 500 pounds and over, 2.0 million, down 5 percent
- * **Calves under 500 pounds**, 27.2 million, down 1 percent
- * **All cattle and calves on feed** for slaughter, 12.2 million, up 3 percent.

CALF CROP DOWN 1 PERCENT

The **2011 U.S. calf crop** is expected to be 35.5 million, down 1 percent from 2010. Calves born during the first half of the year are estimated at 25.8 million, down slightly from 2010..

Cattle Inventory – United States: July 1



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WYOMING TOTAL COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION HOLDS STEADY

Commercial red meat production in Wyoming during June 2011 totaled 500,000 pounds. This was 103 percent of June 2010 and up 100,000 pounds from last month's production. Commercial red meat production includes total beef, veal, pork, lamb and mutton but excludes animals slaughtered on farm.

Six hundred **cattle** were slaughtered in Wyoming during June, unchanged compared to the number slaughtered a year ago and up 100 head from last month. Total live weight was 711,000 pounds, up 6 percent from the previous June. Average live weight of cattle slaughtered was 1,149 pounds, down 21 pounds from last month.

A total of 200 **commercial hogs** were processed, unchanged from both last June and last month. Total live weight, at 50,000 pounds, was down 18 percent from June 2010. Average live weight of hogs slaughtered was 244 pounds, down 16 pounds from the previous month.

One hundred **sheep and lambs** were harvested in June, unchanged from this time last year and up 100 head from last month. Total live weight was 10,000 pounds, down 17 percent from last year. Average live weight of sheep processed, at 145 pounds, was 8 pounds less than one year ago.

United States: Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.22 billion pounds in June, up 1 percent from the 4.18 billion pounds produced in June 2010.

Beef production, at 2.37 billion pounds, was 2 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.10 million head, up 2 percent from June 2010. The average live weight was up 1 pound from the previous year, at 1,262 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.82 billion pounds, down 1 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 8.94 million head, down 1 percent from June 2010. The average live weight was up 2 pounds from the previous year, at 273 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 12.6 million pounds, was down 11 percent from June 2010. Sheep slaughter totaled 183,400 head, 14 percent below last year. The average live weight was 137 pounds, up 3 pounds from June a year ago.

January to June 2011 commercial red meat production was 24.2 billion pounds, up 1 percent from 2010. Accumulated beef production was up 1 percent from last year, veal was down 2 percent, pork was up 2 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 8 percent.

COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER JUNE 2010 AND 2011, WYOMING AND U.S.

SPECIES	WYOMING					UNITED STATES				
	Number of Head		Total Live Weight			Number of Head		Total Live Weight		
	June 2010	June 2011	June 2010	June 2011	2011/2010	June 2010	June 2011	June 2010	June 2011	2011/2010
			<i>1,000 Lbs</i>	<i>1,000 Lbs</i>	<i>Percent</i>			<i>1,000 Lbs</i>	<i>1,000 Lbs</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Cattle	600	600	672	711	105.8	3,049,500	3,101,200	3,834,320	3,900,208	101.7
Hogs	200	200	61	50	82.0	9,046,300	8,940,000	2,449,712	2,434,938	99.4
Sheep & Lambs	100	100	12	10	83.3	212,100	183,400	28,309	25,116	88.7